



The Nest (Nursery)



School Based Nursery Provision from the age of 2 years old.

Prospectus 2025/2026

Sparkling Curiosity, Unleashing Potential

Why choose Colwall?

Our Vision

“Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire.”

~ William Butler Yeats

At Colwall CofE Primary School, we believe every child deserves the very best start to their learning journey. At The Nest, our nursery for children aged two and above, we provide a safe, homely environment where play, curiosity, and creativity inspire a lifelong love of learning.

We draw on key principles in Early Years education to design an approach that nurtures curiosity, builds confidence, and encourages children to explore, question, and discover. Our learning spaces are inspired by the Danish concept of Hygge—warm, cosy, and welcoming—so children feel comfortable, valued, and eager to return each day.



Our Educational Philosophy

At The Nest, we have carefully selected aspects from leading Early Years approaches that best support our vision:

The Curiosity Approach – Using real objects and thoughtfully prepared spaces to spark awe, wonder, and curiosity.

Reggio Emilia (Italy) – Viewing children as capable and curious learners who co-construct their knowledge through exploration, self-expression, collaboration, and problem-solving. We see the environment as a “third teacher,” carefully designed to inspire children’s natural desire to learn.

Piaget’s Schemas – Recognising that children learn through repeated patterns of play and interaction with the world around them. We design activities and opportunities that encourage this exploration, from transporting objects to role play and creative expression.

Our curriculum reflects the idea of the “100 languages of children”—the many ways children express their thinking and understanding. Through play, music, movement, art, storytelling, and role play, we give every child the freedom to communicate and explore in ways that suit them best.

By combining these approaches, we ensure that every child experiences a learning journey that is playful, purposeful, and personalised.

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Meet the Team

Welcome to the Nest!

We are delighted to be able to welcome you to the Colwall family and to introduce you to 'The Nest', our Nursery provision for children aged 2 and above.

The Nest is a governor-led, school-based nursery which forms part of our Colwall CofE Primary and Nursery school. Here we offer a wide range of creative, play-based learning opportunities which are carefully designed to meet the needs of each individual child.



Mrs Gina Harrison
Headteacher



Mr Jamie Trumper
Nursery Manager



Mrs Wendy Cottam
School Operations



Mr Norman Moon
Finance Officer



Mrs Emily Marten-Price
Forest School Lead



Mrs Denise Dunk



Mrs Julie Jennings



Miss Lauren Newton



Mrs Rowan Deacon

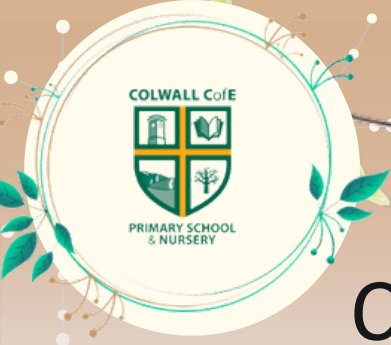


Mrs Rebecca Ellis
Reception Class
Teacher and Early
Years Lead

Safeguarding and Welfare

At The Nest, safeguarding is our highest priority. All staff are fully trained in child protection and Jamie Trumper is the Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) responsible for ensuring the safety and wellbeing of every child. We also always have staff on site trained in paediatric first aid.

We follow the school's safeguarding and welfare policies, including health and safety, medication, fire and emergency procedures, and internet safety. Copies of all policies are available on request.



Curriculum and Learning

Our nursery provision is built around the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) framework. Through play, exploration, and planned experiences, children are supported across the seven areas of learning:

Prime Areas:

Communication and Language

Physical Development

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Specific Areas:

Literacy

Maths

Understanding the World

Expressive Arts and Design

Daily Routine

At The Nest, we provide carefully planned learning activities delivered through child-centred play. Our aim is to offer a broad and balanced Early Years curriculum that is imaginative, engaging, and responsive to each child's needs and interests.

Each session combines opportunities for free play and exploration with thoughtfully planned enhancements to support learning across all areas of the Early Years Foundation Stage. Children also take part in small group sessions where we share stories, songs, rhymes, and discussions linked to our topics. Through approaches such as Talk for Writing, early phonics, and Maths Mastery, we lay strong foundations for future learning at Colwall.



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Additional Opportunities

Alongside daily learning, children enjoy a variety of wider experiences designed to enrich their development and spark their curiosity:

- Forest School – Led by a trained Forest School Leader, these outdoor sessions build confidence, resilience, creativity, and communication skills while encouraging children to explore and connect with the natural world.



- Music – Children are given the chance to listen to different genres and experiment with a wide range of instruments, encouraging self-expression and creativity through sound.

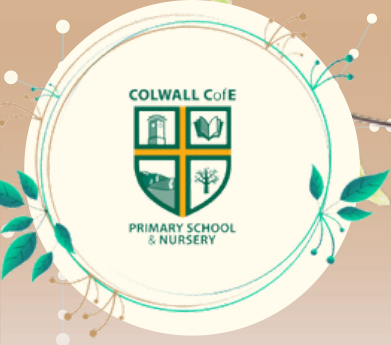


- Artist in Residence – we will also introduce children to inspiring works of art and provide opportunities for them to explore materials, techniques and their own creativity.



These additional experiences enhance our play-based curriculum and ensure that every child's learning journey is rich, varied, and inspiring.

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Parent Partnerships

Inclusion and Special Educational Needs (SEND):

Every child at The Nest is valued as a unique individual. Our nursery is inclusive and we are committed to meeting the needs of all children, including those with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND).

Our school SENCO oversees provision within the nursery and works closely with staff, families, and external professionals to ensure the right support is in place. Parents are involved at every stage so that we can work together to help children thrive.

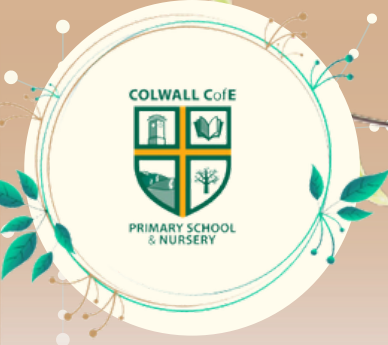
Parent Partnerships:

We believe children learn best when home and school work together. Parents are kept closely involved in their child's learning through:

- A key person system, ensuring every child has a named adult who knows them well and supports their development.
- Daily feedback at drop-off and pick-up.
- Learning journals (Seesaw) to share achievements.
- Regular parent meetings and workshops.

We also provide a gentle settling-in process so that children feel comfortable and secure as they begin their journey with us.





Next Steps



Transition to Reception Class:

We work closely with our Reception class (Wrens) to ensure a smooth and happy transition into Colwall CofE Primary School. Our shared outdoor space allows children from The Nest to play alongside Wrens children, helping them build relationships with both staff and peers before they move up.

Securing a Place in The Nest

If you would like your child to join The Nest, please request a registration pack from us. This includes a booking form, where you can request your preferred days and times. Places are allocated on a first-come, first-served basis, and we operate a waiting list for any sessions that are full.

Current session fees are published on the booking form.

The booking form confirms your child's days for the duration of their time with us. If you wish to change sessions, we require at least a half term's notice and we may not be able to accommodate changes where we have sessions which are already full.

Herefordshire have Early Educations Funding forms which you must fill out to receive the government funded hours. These can be collected from the Office or downloaded from our website.